

## THE BEWITCHING BROKERS.

Opinions of a Lady Philosopher—Men, Women and All That.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20, 1870.

To THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
I too, have somewhat to say concerning "Wood, Clalin & Co., No. 44 Broad street," and will say it if you permit me.

The first thought which shapes itself out of my somewhat chaotic mental disquiet is a question, and that question is as follows—Suppose the antecedents of all the men brokers in Broad street were submitted to the same investigation and criticism that has pursued these women and used and enforced as arguments why they should not be permitted to transact business there? Like a true Yankee I will answer my own question and say that in my opinion—and it is not to be despised—as founded on knowledge—the silence of a Sabbath morning would pervade both Broad and Wall streets henceforth forever, or until the boys of the coming generation, profiting by the follies of their fathers, should begin business again on a good character basis.

Are crimes which have been expiated in prison, gambling proper, in contradistinction to gold gambling, thimble-rigging and a dozen other measurables—some of them unpronounceable here, which, partaking nothing of legal crimes, are yet more despicable than any downright crime—are they to be regarded in a more lenient light than starvancy? And if so, wherefore?

I did not start out, however, with the intention of drawing an inviolable comparison between the past of Mrs. Woodhill and Clalin and the past of their contemporaries, only in so far as showing the absurdity of making this senseless distinction between men and women in reference to their conduct, either past or present. The true principle, it seems to me, is to treat people as they are, to us, and what they are, and desire to be rather than what they have been or appeared to be to somebody else, and then to apply the principle equally to both sexes.

The fact that these women have established themselves in a legitimate business is evidence *per se*, that they want to do something better than they have done heretofore. Whether that heretofore has been indifferent or bad is nobody's business, but the fact is that they have now chosen a course for both men and women to help them keep it longer.

But, suppose through dread of this same abuse which has assailed them they had become

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for support, to the knowledge of the public, what then?

Wouldn't the same slanderous tongues have wagged as freely and maliciously and with more relish over the woman who was a widow? Why don't we see something? And yet among all the number would exceed the limit of hospitality to assist them?

This brings us down to the fact that everybody is expected to take care of his own business, and the extent and intensity of the means employed of others whose interest begins and ends in dictatorial indifference.

People, and especially women, are often driven into the ranks of vice, and even into acts of violence and means which are abhorrent and utterly repulsive to their entire natures, and which are only employed temporarily in the hope and intention of doing something better.

The case is very much the case with Mrs. Woodhill and Clalin, and the inference to be drawn from the above they receive except that their assistants are bent on forcing them back into the very mode of life which has furnished the groundwork for their fall.

Suppose people don't like the idea of women brokers, whatever! The women brokers have one advantage that no amount of lies nor distaste can dislodge, namely, ample means to keep their money up, and having the great bulk of the same in their business or not, and herein lies the secret of their impunity. I repeat, for, although preferring the encouragement and support to be found in the general good will of the people, nevertheless they are bound to succeed.

The common assertion that this too is a business, another phase adopted because of its manifold advantages over the former, is as reprehensible as that it is intended to cover up the association.

It is a very ridiculous argument, and unworthy of notice or response to sound minds, that other men's virtue, and wider range of employments, both mental and physical, creating a corresponding breadth of thought and liberality of testing.

Finally, I have observed with more than usual attention the man who expects their disapproval of this broad sweep invasion, and find this far that they are men of inferior intellects and little culture, and of that class only to be despised as the male species, and who are the cowards of the world, and the last to be taken in.

The time enough to arraign women for their short comings when men are measured by the same standard.

SARAH F. NORTON.

THE WIMPER REBELLION.

The Bill of Rights as Adopted.  
(From the St. Paul Press, Feb. 12.)

The List of Rights submitted to the convention by Mr. Bell on behalf of the committee on January 10, was adopted by the convention, and given below is the full text of the Bill of Rights in the form in which each article was finally adopted:

ARTICLE I. In view of the present exceptional position of the Northwest, dues upon goods imported into the country shall continue as at present except in the case of articles of luxury, and other public expenses in connection with the same, as may appear, shall be remitted by the remitted railroad companies, and by the State River Navigation and St. Paul, and also by the State of Minnesota, to the State of Iowa, and Lake Superior.

ART. 2. That, so long as the contemplated territory of Canada still be an appendage to this country, there shall remain in the position of a territory in the Dominion of Canada, military, civil, and other public expenses in connection with the same, as may appear, shall be remitted by the remitted railroad companies, and by the State River Navigation and St. Paul, and also by the State of Minnesota, to the State of Iowa, and Lake Superior.

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ART. 4. That, so long as the burden of public expense in this territory is borne by Canada, the country be governed under a Lieutenant Governor from Canada and a Legislature, the members of which shall be nominated by the Canadian government, shall be nominated by the Governor General of Canada.

ART. 5. That after the expiration of this exceptional period, the country shall be governed, as regards its local affairs, as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec are now governed, by a Lieutenant Governor appointed by the Canadian government.

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ART. 10. That all public buildings be at the cost of the Dominion Treasury.

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